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SUBJ: APPEARANCE OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR OF SENEGAL IN LUXEMBOURG

1. PRESIDENT LEOPOLD SENGHOR OF SENEGAL ON SEPTEMBER 7 ADDRESSED THE SIXIEME BIENNALE DE LA LANGUE FRANCAISE, ASSEMBLED IN LUXEMBOURG FOR LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS ON THE FUTURE OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE IN FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES. PRESIDENT SENGHOR DELIVERED AN ARTICULATE AND GRACIOUS SPEECH PRAISING THE FRENCH LANGUAGE AS A "CIVILIZING" AND "UNIVERSALIZING" INFLUENCE AND RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION FROM THE AUDIENCE. HIS WELCOME WAS PARTICULARLY WARM SINCE PRESS REPORTS HAD PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO ILLNESS.

2. SENGHOR ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO ANNOUNCE THE VISIT TO SENEGAL NEXT YEAR OF THE GRAND DUKE AND GRAND DUCHESS OF LUXEMBOURG, AT AN AS YET UNSPECIFIED DATE.

3. SENGHOR SHARED THE PLATFORM WITH NOTABLES INCLUDING FORMER FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER MAURICE SCHUMANN, FRENCH GAULLIST DEPUTY XAVIER DENIAU, AND PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE FRENCH ACADEMY JEAN MISTLER, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM FRENCH-LANGUAGE CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN BELGIUM AND QUEBEC. THEIR CHOICE OF LUXEMBOURG AS A LOCATION FOR THE CONFERENCE UNDERSCORED THE FACT THAT IN THE

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GRAND DUCHY, SITUATED DIRECTLY ON THE HISTORIC LINGUISTIC

FAULT LINE DIVIDING FRENCH FROM GERMAN SPEAKING EUROPE,
THE TWO LANGUAGES CONTINUE TO VIEW FOR ASCENDANCY WITH
ABOUT EQUAL SUCCESS.
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